



# Housing Act 1996

## 1996 CHAPTER 52

### PART V

#### CONDUCT OF TENANTS

#### CHAPTER I

#### INTRODUCTORY TENANCIES [<sup>F1</sup>: ENGLAND]

#### *Supplementary*

#### **140 Members of a person's family: Chapter I.**

- (1) A person is a member of another's family within the meaning of this Chapter if—
- he is the spouse [<sup>F1</sup> or civil partner] of that person, or he and that person live together [<sup>F2</sup> as if they were a married couple or] [<sup>F3</sup> civil partners], or
  - he is that person's parent, grandparent, child, grandchild, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, nephew or niece.
- (2) For the purpose of subsection (1)(b)—
- a relationship by marriage [<sup>F4</sup> or civil partnership] shall be treated as a relationship by blood,
  - a relationship of the half-blood shall be treated as a relationship of the whole blood, and
  - the stepchild of a person shall be treated as his child.

#### **Textual Amendments**

**F1** Words in s. 140(1)(a) inserted (5.12.2005) by [Civil Partnership Act 2004 \(c. 33\)](#), s. 263(2), [Sch. 8 para. 51\(2\)\(a\)](#); S.I. 2005/3175, art. 2(1), Sch. 1

**F2** Words in s. 140(1)(a) substituted (2.12.2019) by [The Civil Partnership \(Opposite-sex Couples\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/1458\)](#), reg. 1(2), [Sch. 3 para. 20\(3\)](#)

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- F4** Words in s. 140(2)(a) inserted (5.12.2005) by [Civil Partnership Act 2004 \(c. 33\)](#), s. 263(2), [Sch. 8 para. 51\(3\)](#); S.I. 2005/3175, art. 2(1), Sch. 1

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- specified provision(s) savings for amendments by 2018 anaw 1, s. 6, Sch. 6 by [S.I. 2019/110 reg. 5](#)

**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

- Act savings and transitional provisions for amendments by S.I. 2022/1166 by [S.I. 2022/1172 Regulations](#)

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 124(1A) inserted by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 7 para. 20\(2\)](#)
- s. 124(6) inserted by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 7 para. 20\(6\)](#)
- s. 124A124B inserted by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 7 para. 21](#)
- s. 125A(3A)(3B) inserted by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 7 para. 22\(3\)](#)
- s. 130A inserted by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 8 para. 7](#)
- s. 133(1A) inserted by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 8 para. 9\(2\)](#)
- s. 143J(3A) inserted by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 8 para. 13\(2\)](#)
- s. 143J(7)(a) words omitted by [S.I. 2022/1166 reg. 25\(11\)\(b\)](#) (This amendment comes into force immediately after 2016 c. 22, s. 120 and Sch. 8 para. 13(3) come into force)
- s. 143GA143GB inserted by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 8 para. 10](#)
- s. 143MA(3A)-(3D) inserted by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 7 para. 27\(3\)](#)
- s. 143MB inserted by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 7 para. 28](#)